

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

VICKY CORNELL, individually, and in
her capacity as the Personal Representative
of the Estate of Christopher John Cornell
a/k/a Chris Cornell,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SOUNDGARDEN, a purported
Washington General Partnership; KIM A.
THAYIL; MATT D. CAMERON;
HUNTER BENEDICT SHEPHERD;
SOUNDGARDEN RECORDINGS, LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company;
STAGE MUTHA FAKIR, INC., a
Washington corporation, and SG
PRODUCTIONS, INC., a Washington
corporation, LOUD LOVE MUSIC, an
entity of unknown origin,

Defendants.

No. 2:21-cv-00192-RSL

**STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER
GRANTING MOTION TO SEAL
DOCKET NOS. 1-2, 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4**

The Parties in the above-captioned case respectfully request that Docket Nos. 1-2, 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4 remain under seal. Docket Nos. 1-2, 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4 were filed on the public docket and include personal information of several Defendants. To preserve the confidentiality of this information, the Parties respectfully request that the Court maintain Docket Nos. 1-2, 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4 under seal.

1 This Court seals documents upon a showing of “good cause”—applying a less demanding
 2 standard to documents that are “tangentially related to the merits of a case.” *Olympic Air, Inc. v.*
 3 *Helicopter Tech. Co.*, No. C17-1257-RSL, 2020 WL 6381810, at *5 (W.D. Wash. Oct. 30, 2020)
 4 (quoting *Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp.*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1098-1101 (9th Cir. 2016)); *see*
 5 W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 5(g)(2). Under Rule 26, there is good cause where sealing a document
 6 is necessary “to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue
 7 burden or expense.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1).

8 Here, there is good cause to maintain the documents at issue under seal, which were
 9 originally filed unsealed and unredacted, and subsequently sealed by the Court. These documents
 10 are merely summonses, are unrelated to the merits of the case, and contain unredacted personal
 11 identifying information about several Defendants, the disclosure of which serves no public interest
 12 and would likely result in an invasion of privacy. *See, e.g., Wagafe v. Trump*, No. C17-94-RAJ,
 13 2019 WL 4673334, at *2 (W.D. Wash. May 28, 2019) (finding good cause to seal where
 14 documents “contain[ing] sensitive personal informational . . . the public release of which could
 15 cause harm”); *Miller v. Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish Cty.*, No. C15-2027-JCC, 2017 WL
 16 897811, at *10 (W.D. Wash. Mar. 7, 2017) (granting stipulated motion to seal where the
 17 documents at issue “contain[ed] private medical and personal information about Plaintiff”); *Troy*
 18 *v. Kehe Food Distribs., Inc.*, No. C09-0785-JLR, 2010 WL 11566229, at *1 (W.D. Wash. Sept.
 19 23, 2010) (granting motion to seal exhibits that “contain[ed] personal information about potential
 20 class members”). That the Defendants are public figures only heightens the privacy concerns and
 21 risk of harm.

22 For the foregoing reasons, the Parties respectfully request that this Court grant this
 23 stipulated motion to maintain Docket Nos. 1-2, 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4 under seal.
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1 IT IS SO ORDERED:

2 DATED this 25th day of February, 2021.

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6 United States Magistrate Judge
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that this on the date mentioned below, a copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically. I understand that notice of this filing was sent to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

DATED: February 23, 2021.


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